

Spark Gap

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On Our MARC...

A round of thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Steve Brown, N9LC, and his wife for so graciously welcoming us back to their home for this year's club picnic. It was a wonderful place for the event, the weather was beautiful, and the attendance was better than ever. It was good to see so many club members and their families turn out for the day.

Thanks to all who assisted with the Greenwood H.S. Band Contest on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. It was a long and busy day for all involved, but, as I have come to expect from this crew, a first-rate operation. A number of people passed along their thanks for the MARC's assistance with making this event such a success. They appreciate the club's community spirit and I do too!

October finds us welcoming some new and very capable members to the MARC officers' team, following our September elections. Jack Parker, W8ISH, will serve as our vice president, Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, as our secretary, and Steve Brown, N9LC, will be our repeater trustee. Jacki Fredericks, KI6QOG, will return as treasurer for another term and it is my pleasure to again serve you as president.

As new faces step into key roles within our club leadership, it is appropriate that we express our thanks to those who have been serving in those positions. We thank Dave Daily, Jay Chrisman, and Bruce Tisdale, for their support and guidance to the MARC these past years. We hope that they will continue to share their knowledge and experience with all of us, so that we can continue to grow on the foundation that they have helped build.

Just a reminder, that we will be welcoming Lou Everett, WA5LOU, Indiana ARRL Section Manager, to our meeting on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Lou will share amateur radio news and updates from across Indiana and the Central Division. Please join us!

Bob - KC9NJM
President

M.A.R.C. LOGO WEAR

At our last meeting club Treasurer Jacki KI6QOG wanted to know if any members would like to buy clothing articles such as T-shirts with the M.A.R.C. logo to wear to events and meetings etc. She has a supplier that can make these at a reasonable cost for our club members. Please inform Jacki if you are interested in a T-shirt or other clothing articles that could be made with the club logo.

There will be more information about this at the October club meeting.

ARRL Indiana Section Manager

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

Lou Everett Sr, WA5LOU



I live in Cumberland, IN on the far east side of Indianapolis with my wife Doreen AE5QM (extra class). We have three children, all grown and out on their own. I am a retired veteran, so I can devote quality time and service as your Section Manager.

My interest in ham radio began when I was about 10 years old. My Dad had an enormous amount of old Military/Amateur Radio gear. This made it possible for me to become very interested at an early age. I have been a ham for 40+ years and over those years I've converted and updated my station so many times it's difficult to count. It's incredible what Amateur Radio teaches us over the long haul. When in the Military, I had the opportunity to meet so many interesting Amateur Radio Operators. The camaraderie experienced among the Amateur Radio Community is second to none! My desire to serve this great community continued to grow. When I was stationed in Hawaii I served the com-

munity as a MARS Member as well as an ARRL Official Relay Station. I was the MARS Training Officer, and the RTTY Officer for the State of Hawaii. I was also a Net Control Station on both MARS & ARRL NTS Nets. We handled hundreds, perhaps even thousands of messages per month going to and from our veterans and their families. We handled a lot of phone patch traffic as well. In Hawaii, supporting Field Day was always a priority.

While stationed in New England, I served as the New England Tele-printer Net Training Officer as well as its Assistant Net Manager. I represented the ARRL Section there as an Official Relay Station, Net Manager, and Assistant Net Manager. I led a fine group of Net Control Operators into new territory, handling hundreds, maybe even thousands of messages every month going to and from our veterans and their families during the Vietnam War. We handled regular Stateside routine traffic as well. We also handled a lot of phone patch traffic here too. Here again, supporting Field Day activities was always a top priority.

Further, when I was in Texas I served as an Acting Section Manager, Assistant Section Manager, Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator, Net Manager for the Texas Traffic Net, Net Manager for the Texas Emergency Net, and Net Manager for the Texas Section Managers Net. I was also an NCS on the Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net and the Gulf Coast Single Sideband Net.

The above are all incredible experiences. I will always remember and highly value these Amateur Radio life experiences. I remember reporting Net Activities, etc., to Section Traffic Managers, and others, that are now ARRL Officials.

Together, we can provide leadership with a wide open door policy, honestly listening and communicating with each other throughout the Section. Not just within the Leadership Team, but within the entire section's membership. We are all members of the same ARRL Team. So, this kind of communication is of utmost importance. As your Section Manager I will continue to be accountable for carrying out the duties of the office in accordance with ARRL policies established by the Board of Directors and I shall act in the best interest of Amateur Radio and the Indiana Section.

73 to all!

Lou Everett Sr, WA5LOU



GOBLIN PATROL 2012

The Halloween season is soon upon us and we annually assist the Johnson County Sheriff's Department on Halloween Wednesday October 31st. We will need mobile stations to patrol the overpasses over I-65 and some other locations around the county. The HAMS will assist the Sheriff's Department by watching these areas and reporting to our net control station at the Johnson County EOC. The volunteers for this event are not to confront the ones doing damage and/or mischief but simply get a good description of the vehicle or the perpetrators and radio the information to net control.

There will be a sign up sheet at the October meeting. We hope you can help with this event and be of service to Johnson County and the residents.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Band Contest

Saturday September 22nd dozens of high school bands came rolling into Greenwood High School for the annual Regional Band Competition. Armed with reflective vests, ham radios and magic light wands our crew of Amateur Radio operators directed school buses and semi's full of band equipment to their proper staging spots.

Meanwhile, Bob KC9MJN, Jack W8ISH and Bob N9SIU repeated their directions to spectators looking for close in parking spots. Parents and family members were sent to Woodman Park on the back side of the stadium while Ron K9THR, Brenda KC9EBL and Phil N9JEP directed staff and handicap drivers to their appointed parking slots. Steve AA9SE Rusty N9LLP and Steve ND9C handled the parking ballet back in Woodman Park. Greenwood Police assigned one officer to the school entrance to help explain what "No Parking Here" meant to those parents rushing and arguing to find a spot as their band kids were about to perform.

For over a decade our ensemble of traffic directors have assisted in making this high school event one of the best organized in the state. Bob LaGrange N9SIU, is chairman for this public service project.

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MARCHING BAND EVENT PICS



Rusty getting directions



You can't park here



Phil ready for action



Another band is arriving



Jack and Ron getting their bearings



Brenda at her corner



Steve E. dressing for duty

Thanks to those that helped this year.



The M.A.R.C. club repeater

New Repeater crew

It looked like a party of old hams gathering around the warmth of the club repeater last week. Newly elected Repeater Trustee Steve Brown-N9LC met with outgoing trustee Jay Chrisman-AA9YP to hand off control of the repeater and Link system. There to assist were Steve Ellis-AA9SE and Jack Parker W8ISH. Steve Ellis was asked to assist on the repeater project.

As the repeater has aged, Jay replaced several key parts with Motorola equipment from his own collection. As a result we are temporarily without two radios for the Link system and one receiver radio. Jay is leaving his Motorola radio in place until the club can find a replacement.

Steve Brown and Steve Ellis have a whole library of information to digest before upgrading the repeater system. They are looking at replacement parts which may include the purchase of a new repeater. We expect to hear more details from our repeater team at the October meeting.

In the meantime, if you know of used or new equipment that will fill the void please let Steve Brown or club Prez Bob Jones know as soon as possible.

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2012 & 2013 Indiana Hamfests

11/17/2012

Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo)

Location: Fort Wayne, IN

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>

11/24/2012

Evansville Hamfest

Location: Evansville, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: EARS and The Ham Station

Website: <http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm>

04/13/2013

Columbus Hamfest

Location: Columbus, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.carcnet.org>

04/20/2013

North Central Indiana Hamfest

Location: Peru, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Cass County ARC, Miami County ARC, Grant County ARC, & Kokomo ARC

Website: <http://nci-hamfest.net>



MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.

Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a HAM to attend our meetings or be a member of the club.

WA9RDF
Repeater
146.835/
146.235 MHz
151.4 Hz PL Tone

Club Officers:
President: Robert Jones – KC9NJM
Vice President: Jack Parker – W8ISH
Secretary: Rhonda Curtis – WS9H
Treasurer: Jacki Frederick – KI6QOG
Repeater Trustee: Steve Brown – N9LC

Weekly Net: Sunday evening 7:00 PM ARES/RACES members and ALL RADIO AMATEURS

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